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Closure of section in Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Factory, Kozhikode.

* 379 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 22nd September 1953, from the General Secretary, Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union, Puthyara, Malabar, about the closure of the pallet making section in Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Factory resulting in the discharge of 17 workers; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode held Conciliation Proceedings, but conciliation failed. However, it was subsequently reported that the Puthyara Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union was willing to accept the managements' proposal and the Labour Officer's advice to the retrenchment of the juniormost workers to give place to the permanent discharged workers. In view of this, the matter was not pursued further."

Adjudication of the dispute between the workers and the management of Commonwealth Tile Factory.

* 389 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered adjudication on the question of disputes between workers and management of Commonwealth Tile Factory, Puthyara, Kozhikode, Malabar?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the management of the Commonwealth Tile Factory, Puthyara, did not take the workers back and that it wanted to discharge the workers in order to treat them as casual workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information on these points. The information I have is that the management and the Union leaders were willing to accept the proposal that 17 casual workers might be retrenched to give place to the 17 permanent workers discharged."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to cover a number of questions in five more minutes. So, I pass on to the next question."

Construction of Madikai-Nileshwar road in Hosdrug, South Kanara.

* 380 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when the construction of the Madikai-Nileshwar road in Hosdrug sub-taluk, South Kanara district, will be completed; and

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(b) at what stage the construction of the road stands now?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (a) The work is expected to be completed by the end of 1954.

" (b) The work is in progress. The estimated cost is Rs. 62,500. An expenditure of about 20,000 has been incurred up to the end of January 1954."

Construction of cement drains in Cannanore.

* 381 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 11th September 1953, signed by 219 residents of camp Bazaar West and East wards of Cannanore Municipality requesting the Government to construct cement drains and linking the same with Chalat canal so as to empty whole sullage from Arat Vayal into it; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General and Buildings). On receipt of his report, the matter will be examined and suitable action taken."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the Cannanore Municipal Council passed a Resolution sanctioning Rs. 30,000 for constructing these drains, that after this, the Government sent an order stating that they were going to take up a permanent drainage scheme in that regard, that on account of the Government Order, the scheme was dropped and that the Government did not do anything afterwards? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Commissioner's Report has been sent to the Engineer for his remarks."

Collection of full sales tax from the East Asiatic Company, Limited, Madras.

* 382 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to see that the East Asiatic Company, Limited, Madras, does not deliberately underquote the price of groundnut oil in their invoices made out in favour of the parent firm at Copenhagen and that full sales tax is collected from them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The allegation is under investigation by the Government of India. Sales tax has been collected only on the amount charged in the bills or invoices."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether any officer of the Sales Taxes Department has ever verified the price of the